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Applicant:

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Title:

Method and Apparatus for Securing a Fan Within a Device

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Please enter the following Response to Examiner's Reasons for Allowance. Remarks begin on page 2.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.





REMARKS

In the Examiner's reasons for allowance, the Examiner states: "prior art does not show the fan housing that is adapted to capture one or two fans of different thickness." Applicant agrees that art of record fails to teach or suggest the quoted limitation. Applicant submits, however, that the Examiner has not accurately recited the limitations of all of the claims. Additional or different terms cited by the Examiner should not be "read into" the claims. Instead, Applicant submits that the present claims are allowable for at least the reason that the references of record in the application do not teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claims as recited in the claims themselves. Each claim is allowable in light of the complete language of the claim, as well as equivalents. The Applicant therefore respectfully asserts that the scope of each claim as allowed is to be determined from the actual claim language, including all equivalents.

Respectfully submitted,

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